

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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JUNE 16, 1836.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. SHEPLEY made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Hugg and George W. Hugg, report :*

That the petitioners state that their father, Joseph Hugg, was a colonel in the army of the Revolution, and owner of a dwelling-house situated in the county of Gloucester, in the State of New Jersey, and about thirty-four miles below the city of Philadelphia; that, in the year 1777, his family were obliged to abandon the house, leaving it furnished. The house was taken possession of by the American forces, and was used as a store-house for their provisions, a company having been stationed there for their protection. The house was thus occupied until 1778, when the same was burnt by the British army.

The facts, as stated, appear to be proved.

The committee are aware that payment has been made for losses of a like character, suffered during the last war, but are not advised of any payment for such losses happening during the revolutionary war.

If compensation for such losses is deemed to be expedient, it should be made by a law applicable to all cases of a like kind. Considering the time which has elapsed, the difficulty of making proof, and the great amount of the charge which would be imposed upon the nation, it cannot be expected that any compensation can ever be made for such losses. The sufferings and losses during the revolutionary war must be regarded as compensated by the acquisition of the right of self-government.

The following resolution is recommended for adoption :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

